

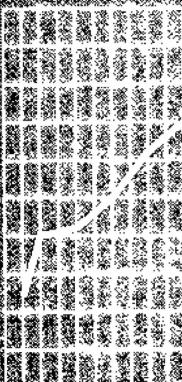


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NOTES

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
ASCO Australian Standard Classification of Occupations
LFS Labour Force Survey
n.a. not available
RSE Relative Standard Error
SE Standard Error
* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses
. not applicable

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PREFACE

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents information about the job search experience of unemployed persons. Data from this survey provide information about the characteristics of unemployed persons, the steps taken to find work by unemployed persons and the difficulties encountered in finding work.

For this publication, labour force activity was determined from a more limited set of questions than is used in the monthly Labour Force Survey (LFS). For this reason, the terms *worked* and *looked for work* are used, rather than the more precisely defined terms *employed* and *unemployed*, as used in the LFS.

Statistics in this publication were obtained from the annual Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey, Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons.

ABOUT THIS SURVEY

The Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons Survey was conducted throughout Australia in July 1997 as a supplement to the ABS monthly Labour Force Survey.

Data from the survey relate to persons who were unemployed in July 1997, except for those unemployed persons who were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been stood down. All tables in this publication, with the exception of table 1, exclude this group of unemployed persons.

Questions asked in this survey covered the two key aspects of the experience of persons looking for work — the steps being taken to find work and barriers to obtaining work that are encountered.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

THE LABOUR FORCE

In July 1997, the Australian labour force was estimated at 9,203,000 persons. In original terms, there were 750,900 unemployed persons, an increase of 2.6% since July 1996. The unemployment rate was 8.2%, which was 0.2 percentage points higher than in July 1996. Some 83% of unemployed persons were looking for full-time work, of whom nearly two-thirds were males. In contrast, females represented two-thirds of unemployed persons looking for part-time work.

Two key aspects of the job search experience are the steps taken to find work and the barriers to obtaining work that are encountered. Characteristics such as age, sex and education of the persons looking for work often influence the job search experience and outcomes. Examples of steps taken to find work in July 1997 are registering with the then Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) and contacting prospective employers. Common difficulties in finding work are: 'considered too young or too old by employers', 'too many applicants for available jobs', and there being 'no vacancies at all'.

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK

Active steps taken to find work included:

- registering with the CES or other employment agencies;
- writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer;
- answering a newspaper advertisement;
- checking factory/CES noticeboards;
- advertising or tendering; and
- contacting relatives/friends.

In July 1997, almost three-quarters (74%) of unemployed persons were registered with the CES and also contacted prospective employers. A further 22% contacted prospective employers but were not registered with the CES.

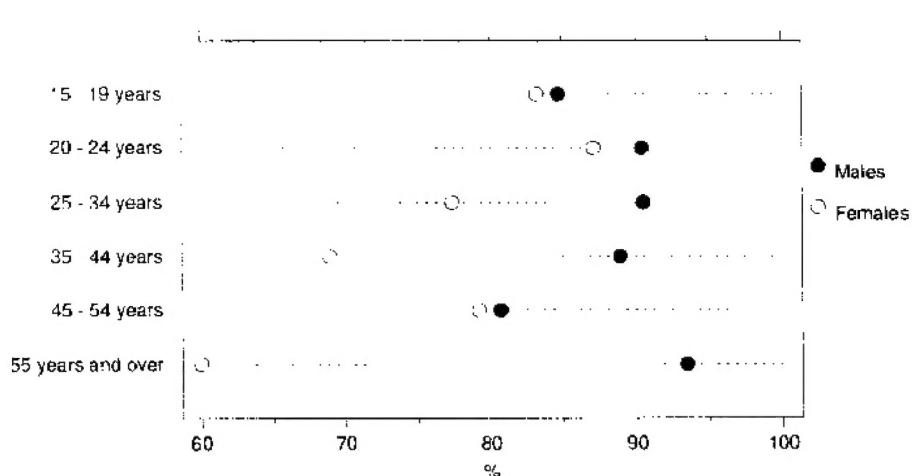
Of those looking for full-time work, the vast majority (83%) indicated they were registered with the CES and had contacted prospective employers. In contrast, the most common active step taken by those looking for part-time work was contacting prospective employers without registering with the CES (60%).

PERSONS REGISTERED WITH THE CES

The proportion of unemployed persons registered with the CES fell slightly for the fourth consecutive year, to 77% in July 1997 (from a high of 83% in 1993). The proportion of full-time job seekers registered with the CES (85%) was higher than that for part-time job seekers (35%), with a higher proportion of unemployed males registering (83%) than females (66%).

PERSONS REGISTERED
WITH THE CES
continued

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK REGISTERED
WITH THE CES BY AGE, JULY 1997



Males looking for full-time work had higher CES registration rates in all age groups, with the greatest differences being for those aged between 35 and 44, and for those aged 55 and over.

Of all unemployed 15-19 year olds, only 60% were registered with the CES. This reflects the relatively high proportion of 15-19 year olds searching for part-time work (36%, compared with 11% to 14% in other age groups). In fact, unemployed 15-19 year olds represented 38% of all persons seeking part-time work and 13% of all persons seeking full-time work. Of unemployed 15-19 year olds, the CES registration rate was 84% for those seeking full-time work, and 18% for those seeking part-time work.

MAIN DIFFICULTY IN
FINDING WORK

The main difficulties in finding work most commonly reported were:

- 'considered too young or too old by employers' (15%);
- 'too many applicants for available jobs' (15%);
- 'no vacancies at all' (13%); and
- 'lacked necessary skills/education' (12%).

Of unemployed males, 16% reported 'considered too young or too old by employers' as the main difficulty in finding work. The main difficulty reported by unemployed females was 'too many applicants for available jobs' (14%).

In the younger age groups, males aged 15-24 years most commonly reported 'insufficient work experience' as the main difficulty (18%). For females aged 15-24 years the most commonly reported main difficulties were 'insufficient work experience' (16%) and 'lacked necessary skills/education' (16%).

MAIN DIFFICULTY IN
FINDING WORK
continued

'Too many applicants for available jobs' was the most common main difficulty for males aged 25–44 years (19%), and females aged 25–34 years (16%). For females aged 35–44 years, 'no vacancies at all' was the difficulty most commonly reported (14%).

'Considered too young or too old by employers' was the main difficulty most commonly reported by both males and females aged 45 years and over (50% of males and 33% of females).

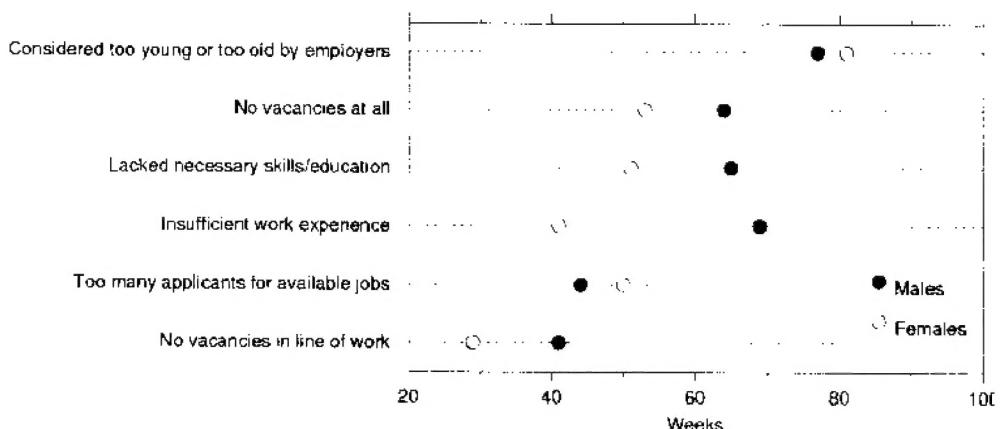
Average duration of
unemployment

In July 1997, the average duration of unemployment was 56 weeks. However, the median duration of unemployment (the point at which half of unemployed persons are below and half are above) was only 26 weeks, reflecting the marked effect of the long-term unemployed (persons unemployed for a period of 52 weeks or more) on the average duration of unemployment.

The average duration of unemployment for males was 63 weeks for those seeking full-time work and 32 weeks for those seeking part-time work. The average duration of unemployment for females was lower, at 55 weeks for those seeking full-time work and 36 weeks for those seeking part-time work.

Those reporting 'considered too young or too old by employers' as their main difficulty finding work had the longest average duration of unemployment (78 weeks). This was followed by 'own ill health or disability' (71 weeks) and 'language difficulties' (69 weeks).

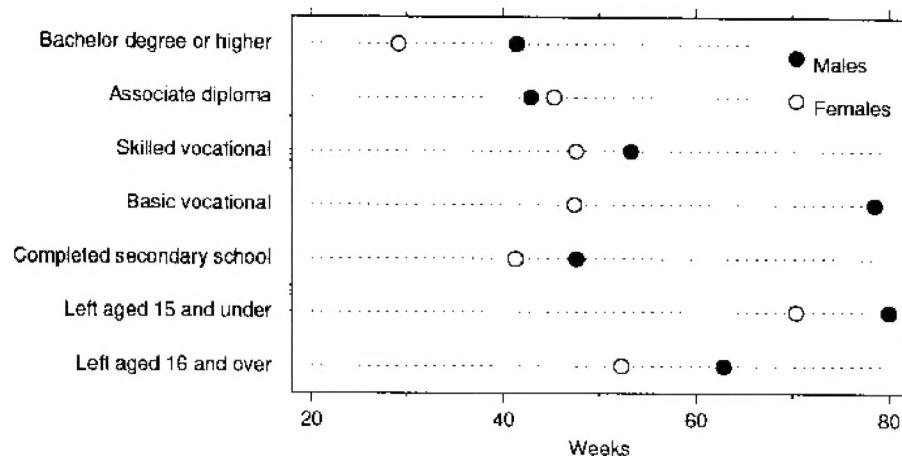
UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SELECTED MAIN DIFFICULTIES FINDING WORK, JULY 1997



Although the overall average duration of unemployment was shorter for females than for males (50 weeks compared to 60 weeks), females who reported 'considered too young or too old by employers', 'language difficulties', 'too many applicants for available jobs' and 'unsuitable hours' as their main difficulty finding work had a longer average duration of unemployment than males reporting those same main difficulties.

The long-term unemployed	<p>In July 1997, there were 238,000 long-term unemployed persons, representing one-third of all unemployed persons. This was slightly higher than in July 1996 when 30% were long-term unemployed.</p> <p>The main difficulties in finding work most commonly reported by the long-term unemployed were 'considered too young or too old by employers' (20%), 'lacked necessary skills/education' (14%) and 'no vacancies at all' (13%).</p> <p>The majority (87%) of long-term unemployed persons in July 1997 had not received any offers of employment in the previous 12 months, slightly lower than in July 1996 when 90% had not received any offers of employment.</p>
Educational attainment	<p>In July 1997, 30% of unemployed persons had post-school qualifications.</p> <p>The most common main difficulty in finding work reported by those with post-school qualifications was 'considered too young or too old by employers' (16%). For those without post-school qualifications, the response 'lacked necessary skills/education' was the most commonly reported main difficulty in finding work (15%).</p> <p>The proportion of persons who reported '<u>too many</u> applicants for available jobs' as the main difficulty in finding work was almost the same, for those with post-school qualifications and for those without (15% compared to 14%, respectively). Similarly, 'insufficient work experience' (12% and 10%) and 'no vacancies at all' (11% and 13%) were other main difficulties reported by persons with and without post-school qualifications.</p> <p>The average duration of unemployment for persons with post-school qualifications (males 54 weeks, females 43 weeks) was lower than that for those without post-school qualifications (males 65 weeks, females 55 weeks).</p> <p>For persons who had not completed the highest level of secondary school the average duration of unemployment was 67 weeks, compared with 45 weeks for those who had completed the highest level (but do not have a post-school qualification). Unemployed persons with a Basic or Skilled vocational qualification recorded an average duration of 62 weeks and 52 weeks respectively. Those with a Bachelor degree or higher qualification had a lower average duration of unemployment, of 36 weeks.</p> <p>Males generally had a higher average duration of unemployment than females, 60 weeks compared to 50 weeks. The largest difference in average duration of unemployment between males and females was for those with Basic vocational qualifications, of 79 weeks and 47 weeks respectively.</p>

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, JULY 1997



REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB

In July 1997, almost half (49%) of unemployed persons had been employees in their last full-time job and had ceased that job in the last two years.

Of these, more than two-thirds (68%) had left their last job involuntarily, representing 241,300 persons, including 157,600 who had been laid off or retrenched. The proportion who left involuntarily increased according to age group. While 59% of those aged 15–24 years left their last job involuntarily, 69% of those aged 25–44 years and 82% of those aged 45 years and over had left their last job involuntarily.

The proportion of employees who had left their last job involuntarily was highest among those who had worked in Wholesale trade (83%), Education (83%), Government administration and defence (82%) and Construction (82%). The industry with the lowest proportion of job losers was Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (41%).

By occupation, the highest proportion of job losers was recorded for Tradespersons and related workers (76%) and for Intermediate production and transport workers (also 76%). The lowest proportion was recorded for those whose last occupation was in Advanced clerical and service workers (47%).

TABLE 1. ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS: WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

	<i>July 1990</i>	<i>June 1991</i>	<i>July 1992</i>	<i>July 1993</i>	<i>July 1994</i>	<i>July 1995</i>	<i>July 1996</i>	<i>July 1997</i>
ALL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS								
— '000 —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	288.7	421.6	529.0	510.2	419.1	377.8	368.3	391.8
Females	166.4	214.9	257.5	251.4	233.6	195.5	206.2	205.1
Persons	455.1	636.4	786.6	761.7	652.7	573.2	574.5	596.9
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	30.0	31.3	36.5	35.7	39.0	40.4	43.1	42.1
Females	64.4	72.4	78.3	77.4	89.1	72.0	86.9	80.8
Persons	94.5	103.6	115.0	113.1	128.1	112.4	130.0	122.9
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	8.4	8.8	10.6	11.4	9.7	14.2	10.7	13.7
Females	11.4	15.2	14.2	14.3	13.4	9.7	16.4	17.4
Persons	19.8	24.1	24.8	25.7	23.1	23.9	27.1	31.1
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	327.1	461.7	576.1	557.3	467.8	432.4	422.1	447.6
Females	242.2	302.5	350.0	343.2	336.1	277.2	309.5	303.3
Persons	569.4	764.1	926.4	900.5	803.9	709.6	731.6	750.9
TOTAL PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE								
— '000 —								
Males	4,975.4	4,949.2	5,053.8	5,041.8	5,053.5	5,136.6	5,194.7	5,241.8
Females	3,526.9	3,531.6	3,614.1	3,603.9	3,735.3	3,866.5	3,916.8	3,961.2
Persons	8,502.3	8,480.8	8,667.9	8,645.7	8,788.9	9,003.1	9,111.5	9,203.0
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE								
— % —								
<i>Looking for full-time work</i>								
Males	5.8	8.5	10.5	10.1	8.3	7.4	7.1	7.5
Females	4.7	6.1	7.1	7.0	6.3	5.1	5.3	5.2
Persons	5.4	7.5	9.1	8.8	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.5
<i>Looking for part-time work</i>								
Males	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Females	1.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0
Persons	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.3
<i>Persons who were stood down</i>								
Males	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Females	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Persons	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
<i>Total, all unemployed persons</i>								
Males	6.6	9.3	11.4	11.1	9.3	8.4	8.1	8.5
Females	6.9	8.6	9.7	9.5	9.0	7.1	7.9	7.7
Persons	6.7	9.0	10.7	10.4	9.1	7.9	8.0	8.2

TABLE 2. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS

	July 1990	June 1991	July 1992	July 1993	July 1994	July 1995	July 1996	July 1997	
—%—									
'000									
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and:									
Took no other active steps	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.5	*0.4	* 3.2
Contacted prospective employers	69.7	74.5	77.9	78.3	75.9	74.0	74.5	74.1	531.9
Took other active steps	4.7	3.4	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.6	2.9	2.1	14.8
Total	75.8	78.5	82.4	82.7	80.5	78.6	78.0	76.6	549.9
Not registered with the CES and:									
Contacted prospective employers	22.2	19.5	15.5	15.8	18.2	20.2	20.3	21.9	156.9
Took other active steps	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.5	10.7
Total	24.2	21.5	17.6	17.3	19.5	21.4	22.0	23.4	167.6
<i>Main difficulty in finding work</i>									
Considered too young or too old	15.3	11.7	13.8	16.9	17.3	15.4	13.5	14.5	104.3
Insufficient work experience	9.3	7.9	8.0	9.5	11.7	12.3	10.1	10.4	74.6
Too many applicants for available jobs(b)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.6	13.0	14.5	104.0
Lacked necessary skills or education	13.4	8.9	9.5	10.0	11.3	11.0	11.1	12.1	86.5
No vacancies at all	16.7	33.4	31.9	24.8	17.1	10.9	11.9	12.7	90.9
No vacancies in line of work	14.5	18.4	17.1	16.4	14.1	10.6	11.6	9.1	65.4
Too far to travel or transport problems	5.2	3.6	3.9	4.5	5.6	7.2	5.2	5.3	37.7
Own ill health or disability	6.7	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.4	5.0	5.5	6.0	42.8
Language difficulties	4.4	2.2	2.6	2.5	3.9	4.2	3.2	2.6	18.5
Unsuitable hours	3.4	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.3	16.4
Difficulties with childcare or other family responsibilities(c)	n.a.	n.a.	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.6	2.4	16.9
Other difficulties(d)	5.5	5.1	2.6	3.2	4.3	2.4	3.9	3.0	21.6
No difficulties reported	5.6	2.7	3.2	3.9	6.3	5.9	6.5	5.3	37.9
<i>Whether would move interstate —</i>									
Would move interstate	24.7	28.9	31.5	28.5	24.2	25.6	25.5	26.0	186.7
Would not move interstate	65.1	58.3	55.0	57.4	61.2	61.6	62.9	61.3	439.6
May move interstate	8.3	10.2	10.4	11.4	11.4	10.0	8.7	9.4	67.6
Depending on job conditions	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.4	6.2	4.5	5.2	37.0
Other	4.2	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	30.6
Undecided	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.3	23.5
<i>Whether would move intrastate --</i>									
Would move intrastate	38.4	42.6	44.9	41.7	37.5	36.8	37.3	39.4	283.0
Would not move intrastate	49.5	43.3	39.9	42.6	47.0	48.5	49.1	47.4	339.8
May move intrastate	10.5	12.2	12.9	13.2	13.1	12.2	10.3	10.3	73.6
Depending on job conditions	4.0	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.5	5.4	3.9	4.2	30.6
Other	6.5	7.5	8.0	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.5	6.1	43.6
Undecided	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.9	21.0
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment</i>									
Under 1 year	77.0	75.3	63.2	62.0	63.5	65.4	70.3	66.8	479.5
1 and under 4 weeks	18.1	11.4	8.9	10.7	12.3	11.9	14.9	12.0	86.4
4 and under 8 weeks	14.9	11.0	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.2	11.0	10.4	74.8
8 and under 13 weeks	10.7	11.0	7.3	7.5	6.9	8.7	9.7	7.9	56.8
13 and under 26 weeks	15.4	22.5	15.1	13.7	15.4	14.7	14.3	15.5	111.3
26 and under 52 weeks	17.9	19.4	23.4	20.8	19.0	19.8	20.4	20.9	150.2
1 year and over	23.0	24.8	36.8	38.0	36.5	34.6	29.7	33.2	238.0
1 and under 2 years	9.9	13.9	20.6	17.3	15.4	14.5	14.1	15.4	110.7
2 years and over	13.1	10.9	16.2	20.8	21.2	20.1	15.6	17.8	127.3
---'000---									
Total	548.3	740.1	900.0	871.3	774.2	683.9	701.7	717.5	
---weeks---									
<i>Average duration of unemployment</i>	47	44	55	60	62	60	53	56	
<i>Median duration of unemployment</i>	16	22	30	29	27	26	26	26	

(a) Excludes persons who were stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Collected separately for the first time in 1995. (c) Collected separately for the first time in 1992. (d) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

TABLE 3. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

	Looking for full-time work			Looking for part-time work			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
'000									
<i>Age group (years)</i>									
15-19	48.6	29.7	78.3	20.2	24.7	44.9	68.8	54.4	123.2
20-24	82.0	45.9	127.8	6.1	11.7	17.8	88.1	57.5	145.6
25-34	101.0	53.6	154.5	*5.1	17.0	22.1	106.1	70.6	176.7
35-44	69.6	41.0	110.6	*2.5	11.5	14.0	72.1	52.5	124.6
45-54	56.0	31.9	87.9	*2.6	10.9	13.5	58.6	42.8	101.4
55 and over	34.6	*4.9	39.5	*3.5	*3.0	6.5	38.1	7.9	46.0
<i>Relationship in household</i>									
Family member	290.3	154.3	444.6	33.3	69.1	102.3	323.5	223.4	546.9
Husband or wife	161.0	75.1	236.1	7.6	35.4	43.1	168.6	110.5	279.1
With dependants	100.4	34.7	135.1	*4.3	28.4	32.6	104.7	63.0	167.7
Without dependants	60.6	40.4	101.0	*3.4	7.1	10.4	63.9	47.5	111.4
Lone parent	7.7	33.2	40.8	*0.8	8.5	9.2	8.5	41.6	50.1
Other family person(b)	121.6	46.1	167.7	24.9	25.2	50.0	146.4	71.2	217.7
Non-family member	84.9	46.1	131.0	5.9	5.8	11.6	90.8	51.8	142.6
Lone person	42.1	20.4	62.5	*2.5	*2.8	*5.3	44.6	23.2	67.8
Not living alone	42.8	25.6	68.4	*3.4	*3.0	6.4	46.2	28.6	74.8
Not determined	16.6	6.5	23.1	*0.9	*3.9	*4.8	17.5	10.5	27.9
<i>Birthplace</i>									
Born in Australia	282.1	146.3	428.4	28.7	58.3	87.0	310.8	204.7	515.5
Born outside Australia	109.6	60.6	170.2	11.3	20.4	31.8	121.0	81.0	202.0
Born in main English speaking countries	41.1	19.1	60.2	*2.7	7.5	10.2	43.8	26.6	70.4
Born in other countries	68.5	41.5	110.0	8.7	12.9	21.6	77.2	54.4	131.6
<i>Educational attainment —</i>									
With post-school qualifications(c)	123.0	67.9	190.9	9.2	15.6	24.8	132.3	83.5	215.7
Bachelor degree or higher	24.6	16.8	41.4	*2.9	*3.0	5.9	27.5	19.8	47.3
Undergraduate diploma	*2.7	*3.5	6.2	*0.3	*1.8	*2.1	*3.1	*5.3	8.3
Associate diploma	11.5	*4.6	16.1	*1.5	*2.0	*3.5	13.0	6.7	19.6
Skilled vocational qualification	64.8	24.7	89.6	*3.4	6.2	9.6	68.2	31.0	99.2
Basic vocational qualification	17.2	16.8	34.1	*0.8	*2.3	*3.2	18.1	19.2	37.2
Without post-school qualifications(d)	268.1	136.9	405.1	16.6	45.8	62.4	284.7	182.7	467.5
Completed highest level of secondary school	61.6	43.4	105.1	10.8	13.3	24.0	72.4	56.7	129.1
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	206.2	93.1	299.4	5.8	32.5	38.4	212.1	125.7	337.8
Left aged 15 and under	100.7	41.3	142.0	*4.6	16.1	20.7	105.3	57.4	162.7
Left aged 16 and over	105.5	51.8	157.4	*1.3	16.4	17.7	106.8	68.2	175.1
Still at school	*0.6	*2.1	*2.7	14.2	17.4	31.6	14.8	19.5	34.3
<i>Active steps taken to find work —</i>									
Registered with the CES and									
Took no other active steps	*1.6	*1.0	*2.6	*0.0	*0.7	*0.7	*1.6	*1.7	*3.2
Contacted prospective employers	338.3	156.6	494.9	14.1	22.8	36.9	352.4	179.5	531.9
Took other active steps	6.2	*5.0	11.1	*0.4	*3.3	*3.7	6.6	8.2	14.8
Total	346.0	162.6	508.6	14.5	26.8	41.3	360.5	189.4	549.9
Not registered with the CES and —									
Contacted prospective employers	43.9	41.3	85.1	24.2	47.6	71.8	68.0	88.9	156.9
Took other active steps	*1.9	*3.0	*4.9	*1.3	*4.4	5.7	*3.2	7.4	10.7
Total	45.8	44.3	90.1	25.5	52.0	77.5	71.3	96.3	167.6
<i>Duration of current period of unemployment --</i>									
Under 1 year	246.3	139.0	385.3	32.1	62.1	94.2	278.4	201.1	479.5
1 and under 4 weeks	38.9	21.8	60.7	10.4	15.2	25.7	49.4	37.0	86.4
4 and under 8 weeks	38.6	22.3	61.0	*5.3	8.6	13.9	43.9	30.9	74.8
8 and under 13 weeks	29.5	16.9	46.3	*4.0	6.5	10.5	33.5	23.4	56.8
13 and under 26 weeks	55.9	35.1	90.9	6.7	13.6	20.3	62.6	48.7	111.3
26 and under 39 weeks	62.1	31.8	93.9	*4.2	14.1	18.3	66.3	45.9	112.2
39 and under 52 weeks	21.3	11.1	32.4	*1.5	*4.1	5.5	22.8	15.2	38.0
1 year and over	145.5	67.9	213.4	7.9	16.7	24.6	153.4	84.6	238.0
1 and under 2 years	66.6	31.7	98.3	5.5	6.9	12.3	72.1	38.6	110.7
2 years and over	78.8	36.2	115.1	*2.4	9.8	12.2	81.3	46.0	127.3
Total	391.8	206.9	598.7	40.0	78.8	118.8	431.8	285.7	717.5
— weeks —									
Average duration of unemployment	63	55	60	32	36	35	60	50	56
Median duration of unemployment	30	26	29	13	20	17	28	26	26

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Comprises dependent student, non-dependent child and other family person.

(c) Includes Other and Level Unknown (nursing). (d) Includes persons who never attended school.

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK

Active steps taken to find work	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
Registered with the CES and —			— '000				
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.9	*0.6	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*1.6
Contacted prospective employers	41.1	71.4	89.7	60.6	44.5	31.1	338.3
Took other active steps	*0.1	*1.8	*1.0	*1.2	*0.8	*1.3	6.2
<i>Total</i>	41.2	74.1	91.3	61.8	45.2	32.4	346.0
Not registered with the CES and —			— '000				
Contacted prospective employers	6.9	7.9	8.9	7.4	10.8	*2.0	43.9
Took other active steps	*0.5	*0.0	*0.7	*0.4	*0.0	*0.3	*1.9
<i>Total</i>	7.4	7.9	9.6	7.8	10.8	*2.2	45.8
<i>Total</i>	48.6	82.0	101.0	69.6	56.0	34.6	391.8
	— % —						
Registered with the CES	84.7	90.4	90.5	88.9	80.7	93.5	88.3
Not registered with the CES	15.3	9.6	9.5	11.1	19.3	*6.5	11.7
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
FEMALES LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
Registered with the CES and —			— '000				
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3	*0.5	*0.0	*1.0
Contacted prospective employers	24.2	38.9	40.4	25.8	24.5	*2.9	156.6
Took other active steps	*0.5	*0.8	*1.1	*2.2	*0.3	*0.0	*5.0
<i>Total</i>	24.7	40.9	41.5	28.2	25.3	*2.9	162.6
Not registered with the CES and —			— % —				
Contacted prospective employers	*4.4	*5.2	11.2	11.8	6.6	*1.9	41.3
Took other active steps	*0.6	*0.7	*0.9	*0.9	*0.0	*0.0	*3.0
<i>Total</i>	*5.0	5.9	12.1	12.7	6.6	*1.9	44.3
<i>Total</i>	29.7	45.9	53.6	41.0	31.9	*4.9	206.9
	— % —						
Registered with the CES	83.2	87.1	77.4	68.9	79.2	*60.0	78.6
Not registered with the CES	*16.8	12.9	22.6	31.1	20.8	*40.0	21.4
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	*100.0	100.0
PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK							
Registered with the CES and —			'000				
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*1.2	*0.6	*0.3	*0.5	*0.0	*2.6
Contacted prospective employers	65.3	110.3	130.0	86.4	69.0	34.0	494.9
Took other active steps	*0.6	*2.5	*2.1	*3.5	*1.1	*1.3	11.1
<i>Total</i>	65.9	114.0	132.8	90.1	70.5	35.3	508.6
Not registered with the CES and —			— % —				
Contacted prospective employers	11.3	13.1	20.1	19.2	17.4	*3.9	85.1
Took other active steps	*1.1	*0.7	*1.6	*1.3	*0.0	*0.3	*4.9
<i>Total</i>	12.4	13.8	21.7	20.5	17.4	*4.2	90.1
<i>Total</i>	78.3	127.8	154.5	110.6	87.9	39.5	598.7
	— % —						
Registered with the CES	84.1	89.2	85.9	81.5	80.2	89.4	85.0
Not registered with the CES	15.9	10.8	14.1	18.5	19.8	*10.6	15.0
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

TABLE 4. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK *continued*

<i>Active steps taken to find work</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Total</i>	
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>		
MALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED								
— '000 —								
Registered with the CES and —								
Took no other active steps	*0.0	*0.9	*0.6	*0.0	*0.0	*0.0	*1.6	
Contacted prospective employers	45.8	74.1	91.5	61.9	45.9	33.2	352.4	
Took other active steps	*0.2	*1.8	*1.0	*1.2	*0.9	*1.5	6.6	
<i>Total</i>	45.9	76.8	93.2	63.1	46.7	34.7	369.5	
Not registered with the CES and —								
Contacted prospective employers	21.6	11.3	11.8	8.6	11.9	*2.9	68.0	
Took other active steps	*1.2	*0.0	*1.1	*0.4	*0.0	*0.5	*3.2	
<i>Total</i>	22.8	11.3	12.9	8.9	11.9	*3.4	71.3	
<i>Total</i>	68.8	88.1	106.1	72.1	58.6	38.1	431.8	
% —								
Registered with the CES	66.8	87.2	87.8	87.6	79.8	91.0	83.5	
Not registered with the CES	33.2	12.8	12.2	12.4	20.2	*9.0	16.5	
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
FEMALES, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED								
— '000 —								
Registered with the CES and —								
Took no other active steps	*0.1	*0.3	*0.3	*0.5	*0.5	*0.0	*1.7	
Contacted prospective employers	27.2	43.9	46.5	28.8	28.7	*4.4	179.5	
Took other active steps	*0.5	*0.8	*2.2	*3.6	*0.5	*0.6	8.2	
<i>Total</i>	27.8	44.9	49.1	32.9	29.7	*5.0	189.4	
Not registered with the CES and —								
Contacted prospective employers	24.6	11.6	19.6	17.1	13.0	*2.9	88.9	
Took other active steps	*2.0	*1.0	*1.9	*2.5	*0.1	*0.0	7.4	
<i>Total</i>	26.6	12.6	21.5	19.6	13.1	*2.9	96.3	
<i>Total</i>	54.4	57.5	70.6	52.5	42.8	7.9	285.7	
— % —								
Registered with the CES	51.2	78.1	69.5	62.6	69.4	*63.6	66.3	
Not registered with the CES	48.8	21.9	30.5	37.4	30.6	*36.4	33.7	
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
PERSONS, TOTAL UNEMPLOYED								
— '000 —								
Registered with the CES and —								
Took no other active steps	*0.1	*1.2	*1.0	*0.5	*0.5	*0.0	*3.2	
Contacted prospective employers	73.0	118.0	138.0	90.7	74.6	37.6	531.9	
Took other active steps	*0.7	*2.5	*3.3	*4.8	*1.4	*2.1	14.8	
<i>Total</i>	73.8	121.7	142.2	96.0	76.4	39.7	549.9	
Not registered with the CES and —								
Contacted prospective employers	46.2	22.9	31.5	25.7	24.9	5.8	156.9	
Took other active steps	*3.2	*1.0	*3.0	*2.9	*0.1	*0.5	10.7	
<i>Total</i>	49.4	23.9	34.4	28.6	25.0	6.3	167.6	
<i>Total</i>	123.2	145.6	176.7	124.6	101.4	46.0	717.5	
— % —								
Registered with the CES	59.9	83.6	80.5	77.1	75.4	86.4	76.6	
Not registered with the CES	40.1	16.4	19.5	22.9	24.6	13.6	23.4	
<i>Total</i>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS
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Number of spells of looking for work in the previous twelve months	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
One	59.2	70.9	86.4	63.2	54.0	35.7	369.5
Two or more	9.6	17.2	19.7	8.8	*4.6	*2.4	62.3
<i>Total</i>	68.8	88.1	106.1	72.1	58.6	38.1	431.8
FEMALES							
One	49.0	48.7	64.4	48.7	41.8	7.4	259.9
Two or more	5.4	8.8	6.2	*3.8	*1.0	*0.5	25.8
<i>Total</i>	54.4	57.5	70.6	52.5	42.8	7.9	285.7
PERSONS							
One	108.2	119.5	150.8	111.9	95.8	43.1	629.3
Two	13.7	15.9	22.1	8.7	*3.5	*2.5	66.3
Three or more	*1.3	10.2	*3.8	*3.9	*2.1	*0.4	21.8
<i>Total</i>	123.2	145.6	176.7	124.6	101.4	46.0	717.5

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS

Number of offers of employment in the previous twelve months	Duration of current period of unemployment							Average duration	Median duration	
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	'000 —									
MALES										
None	43.3	36.1	30.2	55.1	82.0	63.9	70.2	380.7	59	
One or more	6.1	7.8	*3.3	7.5	7.1	8.1	11.1	51.0	70	
Three or more	*0.0	*0.9	*0.3	*1.0	*1.4	*1.0	*3.5	8.1	*127	
<i>Total</i>	49.4	43.9	33.5	62.6	89.1	72.1	81.3	431.8	60	
FEMALES										
None	31.6	25.9	20.7	41.9	53.3	34.6	37.5	245.4	48	
One or more	5.4	*5.0	*2.7	6.8	7.8	*4.0	8.5	40.3	57	
Three or more	*0.4	*0.3	*0.0	*0.6	*0.7	*0.7	*2.1	*4.8	*94	
<i>Total</i>	37.0	30.9	23.4	48.7	61.1	38.6	46.0	285.7	50	
PERSONS										
None	74.9	62.0	50.9	96.9	135.3	98.5	107.7	626.2	55	
One	9.5	8.6	*3.8	10.9	9.9	9.3	10.0	62.0	57	
Two	*1.6	*3.0	*1.9	*1.8	*2.9	*1.2	*4.0	16.4	56	
Three or more	*0.4	*1.2	*0.3	*1.6	*2.1	*1.7	5.6	12.9	*15	
<i>Total</i>	86.4	74.8	56.8	111.3	150.2	110.7	127.3	717.5	56	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK

Main difficulty in finding work	Duration of current period of unemployment					Total	Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over			
	MALES					'000	weeks	
Considered too young or too old by employers	10.3	10.3	16.8	11.5	18.8	67.7	77	44
Insufficient work experience	10.0	7.1	9.1	6.5	9.3	42.0	69	30
Too many applicants for available jobs	14.0	20.2	12.8	8.1	8.5	63.6	44	21
Lacked necessary skills/education	8.5	16.5	7.8	10.7	9.7	53.3	65	27
No vacancies at all	11.1	9.7	14.3	11.5	11.3	57.9	64	33
No vacancies in line of work	13.5	12.2	9.0	6.1	*4.2	45.0	41	17
Too far to travel/transport problems	*4.2	6.2	6.1	*4.7	*3.5	24.7	55	28
Own ill health or disability	*2.8	6.7	5.8	6.3	7.5	29.0	75	35
Language difficulties	*0.0	*1.8	*3.2	*1.5	*2.5	8.9	*66	*36
Unsuitable hours	*3.6	*0.7	*0.4	*0.8	*0.3	5.8	*25	*6
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.4	*0.9	*0.5	*0.6	*0.9	*3.4	*136	*34
Other difficulties(b)	*3.6	*1.3	*2.5	*2.5	*4.1	14.0	70	*47
No difficulties at all	11.2	*2.5	*0.8	*1.3	*0.7	16.5	22	*4
Total	93.3	96.0	89.1	72.1	81.3	431.8	60	28
FEMALES								
						'000	— weeks —	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*5.1	6.7	6.7	7.0	11.0	36.6	81	44
Insufficient work experience	5.6	10.9	8.3	*4.5	*3.3	32.6	41	25
Too many applicants for available jobs	6.3	9.9	13.0	5.6	5.5	40.4	50	28
Lacked necessary skills/education	6.5	7.1	7.4	6.2	6.0	33.2	51	30
No vacancies at all	6.9	10.3	7.5	*3.0	*5.4	33.0	53	23
No vacancies in line of work	6.4	8.2	*2.3	*2.2	*1.4	20.4	29	16
Too far to travel/transport problems	*3.4	*4.5	*1.7	*0.9	*2.5	13.0	51	*21
Own ill health or disability	*1.9	*3.3	*3.5	*2.1	*3.0	13.7	63	*28
Language difficulties	*1.1	*1.3	*1.8	*2.6	*2.7	9.6	71	*52
Unsuitable hours	*5.2	*2.0	*1.7	*0.9	*0.7	10.5	28	*8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.4	*3.4	*2.8	*1.3	*2.5	13.5	49	*23
Other difficulties(b)	*3.0	*1.4	*1.3	*1.2	*0.8	7.7	*37	*20
No difficulties at all	13.2	*2.9	*3.0	*1.1	*1.2	21.4	19	*4
Total	67.9	72.1	61.1	38.6	46.0	285.7	50	26
PERSONS								
						'000	— weeks —	
Considered too young or too old by employers	15.4	17.0	23.5	18.5	29.8	104.3	78	44
Insufficient work experience	15.6	18.0	17.5	10.9	12.7	74.6	57	28
Too many applicants for available jobs	20.4	30.1	25.8	13.8	14.0	104.0	47	26
Lacked necessary skills/education	15.0	23.6	15.2	16.9	15.7	86.5	59	28
No vacancies at all	18.0	20.1	21.8	14.5	16.7	90.9	60	30
No vacancies in line of work	19.9	20.5	11.2	8.2	5.6	65.4	37	17
Too far to travel/transport problems	7.5	10.7	7.8	5.6	6.0	37.7	54	26
Own ill health or disability	*4.6	10.0	9.4	8.4	10.4	42.8	71	32
Language difficulties	*1.1	*3.1	*5.0	*4.1	*5.2	18.5	69	*52
Unsuitable hours	8.8	*2.7	*2.1	*1.7	*1.0	16.4	27	*6
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*3.8	*4.4	*3.3	*2.0	*3.4	16.9	66	*26
Other difficulties(b)	6.5	*2.6	*3.8	*3.7	*5.0	21.6	58	*34
No difficulties at all	24.4	5.5	*3.8	*2.4	*1.9	37.9	20	4
Total	161.2	168.1	150.2	110.7	127.3	717.5	56	26

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

TABLE 8. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ('000)

Main difficulty in finding work	Educational attainment								Total(d)	
	With post-school qualifications				Without post-school qualifications					
	Bachelor degree or higher	Under-graduate or associate diploma	Skilled vocational qualification	Basic vocational qualification	Total(b)	Completed highest level of secondary school	Did not complete highest level of secondary school	Total(c)		
MALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*4.2	*4.0	13.5	*2.3	25.5	6.0	34.1	40.4	67.7	
Insufficient work experience	*5.3	*3.2	*1.7	*1.6	11.8	9.0	18.9	27.9	42.0	
Too many applicants for available jobs	*5.2	*2.6	8.9	*3.4	20.4	14.1	25.6	39.7	63.6	
Lacked necessary skills/education	*0.8	*0.8	*4.7	*0.9	7.2	9.9	35.7	45.6	53.3	
No vacancies at all	*2.1	*0.8	9.6	*3.9	16.4	7.4	30.0	37.5	57.9	
No vacancies in line of work	*5.2	*2.7	11.4	*1.1	20.7	5.5	18.7	24.2	45.0	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.6	*0.3	*4.5	*1.6	7.0	*2.4	14.9	17.3	24.7	
Own ill health or disability	*0.9	*0.0	6.4	*1.3	8.6	*4.6	15.2	19.8	29.0	
Language difficulties	*0.7	*0.4	*0.0	*0.0	*1.4	*3.2	*4.2	7.5	8.9	
Unsuitable hours	*1.0	*0.0	*0.3	*0.0	*1.3	*3.5	*0.5	*4.0	5.8	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.0	*0.0	*1.4	*0.4	*1.8	*0.4	*1.2	*1.5	*3.4	
Other difficulties(e)	*1.3	*1.3	*3.0	*0.7	6.3	*1.9	5.7	7.7	14.0	
No difficulties at all	*0.1	*0.0	*2.8	*0.8	*3.7	*4.3	7.4	11.7	16.5	
Total	27.5	16.0	68.2	18.1	132.3	72.4	212.1	284.7	431.8	
FEMALES										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*0.8	*1.5	*4.6	*1.9	9.4	*5.4	20.5	25.9	36.6	
Insufficient work experience	*3.7	*1.4	*5.1	*3.4	13.6	—	10.2	18.0	32.6	
Too many applicants for available jobs	*3.1	*0.8	*4.5	*3.0	11.3	8.7	15.6	24.3	40.4	
Lacked necessary skills/education	*1.3	*1.2	*2.5	*1.7	6.8	*5.4	18.6	24.3	33.2	
No vacancies at all	*0.3	*1.7	*3.2	*1.4	6.6	7.3	15.9	23.3	33.0	
No vacancies in line of work	*4.8	*1.0	*3.1	*1.4	11.2	*2.4	6.8	9.3	20.4	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.3	*0.6	*1.4	*1.4	*3.7	*2.0	6.7	8.7	13.0	
Own ill health or disability	*0.7	*0.4	*2.0	*0.0	*3.0	*2.8	7.9	10.8	13.7	
Language difficulties	*1.4	*0.0	*0.4	*0.3	*2.2	*2.1	*5.3	7.4	9.6	
Unsuitable hours	*0.6	*0.8	*0.2	*0.4	*2.2	*3.4	*4.0	7.4	10.5	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*0.5	*1.3	*1.4	*3.5	*3.3	6.7	10.0	13.5	
Other difficulties(e)	*0.9	*1.1	*1.0	*0.8	*3.8	*2.5	*1.0	*3.5	7.7	
No difficulties at all	*1.7	*1.0	*1.6	*2.0	6.2	*3.6	6.3	9.9	21.4	
Total	19.8	11.9	31.0	19.2	83.5	56.7	125.7	182.7	285.7	
PERSONS										
Considered too young or too old by employers	*5.0	5.5	18.0	*4.2	34.9	11.4	54.6	66.2	104.3	
Insufficient work experience	8.9	*4.6	6.9	*5.0	25.4	16.8	29.1	45.9	74.6	
Too many applicants for available jobs	8.3	*3.4	13.4	6.4	31.8	22.8	41.2	64.0	104.0	
Lacked necessary skills/education	*2.2	*1.9	7.3	*2.6	14.0	15.3	54.3	69.9	86.5	
No vacancies at all	*2.3	*2.5	12.9	*5.3	23.0	14.8	46.0	60.7	90.9	
No vacancies in line of work	10.0	*3.6	14.5	*2.5	31.9	8.0	25.5	33.5	65.4	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*0.9	*1.0	5.9	*3.0	10.7	*4.4	21.6	26.0	37.7	
Own ill health or disability	*1.6	*0.4	8.3	*1.3	11.6	7.5	23.1	30.6	42.8	
Language difficulties	*2.1	*0.4	*0.4	*0.3	*3.6	*5.3	9.6	14.9	18.5	
Unsuitable hours	*1.6	*0.8	*0.5	*0.4	*3.5	6.9	*4.5	11.4	16.4	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*0.5	*2.7	*1.9	*5.3	*3.7	7.9	11.6	16.9	
Other difficulties(e)	*2.2	*2.4	*4.0	*1.6	10.1	*4.5	6.7	11.2	21.6	
No difficulties at all	*1.8	*1.0	*4.3	*2.8	9.9	7.9	13.7	21.6	37.9	
Total	47.3	28.0	99.2	37.2	215.7	129.1	337.8	467.5	717.5	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes other and level unknown (nursing). (c) Includes persons who never attended school. (d) Includes persons still at school. (e) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

TABLE 9. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK BY BIRTHPLACE

Main difficulty in finding work	Born in Australia		Born outside Australia		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
'000 ...							
Considered too young or too old by employers	39.2	25.4	28.5	11.2	67.7	36.6	104.3
Insufficient work experience	32.6	22.3	9.4	10.3	42.0	32.6	74.6
Too many applicants for available jobs	44.9	32.4	18.6	8.0	63.6	40.4	104.0
Lacked necessary skills/education	42.5	24.7	10.8	8.6	53.3	33.2	86.5
No vacancies at all	48.2	27.8	9.7	*5.2	57.9	33.0	90.9
No vacancies in line of work	33.6	14.7	11.4	5.7	45.0	20.4	65.4
Too far to travel, transport problems	21.5	11.4	*3.2	*1.6	24.7	13.0	37.7
Own ill health or disability	19.1	9.5	10.0	*4.3	29.0	13.7	42.8
Language difficulties	*0.4	*0.0	8.5	9.6	8.9	9.6	18.5
Unsuitable hours	*4.1	7.0	*1.8	*3.5	5.8	10.5	16.4
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*2.8	9.0	*0.6	*4.5	*3.4	13.5	16.9
Other difficulties(b)	8.0	*5.0	5.9	*2.7	14.0	7.7	21.6
No difficulties at all	14.0	15.6	*2.5	5.8	16.5	21.4	37.9
Total	310.8	204.7	121.0	81.0	431.8	285.7	717.5
...%...							
Considered too young or too old by employers	12.6	12.4	23.6	13.9	15.7	12.8	14.5
Insufficient work experience	10.5	10.9	7.8	12.7	9.7	11.4	10.4
Too many applicants for available jobs	14.5	15.8	15.4	9.9	14.7	14.2	14.5
Lacked necessary skills/education	13.7	12.1	8.9	10.6	12.3	11.6	12.1
No vacancies at all	15.5	13.6	8.1	*6.4	13.4	11.6	12.7
No vacancies in line of work	10.8	7.2	9.4	7.0	10.4	7.2	9.1
Too far to travel, transport problems	6.9	5.6	*2.6	*2.0	5.7	4.5	5.2
Own ill health or disability	6.1	4.6	8.2	*5.3	6.7	4.8	6.0
Language difficulties	*0.1	*0.0	7.0	11.8	2.1	3.4	2.6
Unsuitable hours	*1.3	3.4	*1.5	*4.3	1.4	3.7	2.3
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.9	4.4	*0.5	*5.6	*0.8	4.7	2.4
Other difficulties(b)	2.6	*2.4	4.9	*3.3	3.2	2.7	3.0
No difficulties at all	4.5	7.6	*2.1	7.2	—	3.8	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

TABLE 10. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): MAIN DIFFICULTY IN FINDING WORK BY AGE

Main difficulty in finding work	Age group (years)						Total	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over		
MALES							% —	
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.5	*2.9	*0.8	13.9	41.7	63.1	15.7	
Insufficient work experience	19.0	16.5	9.3	*4.1	*1.4	*2.1	9.7	
Too many applicants for available jobs	15.9	12.2	22.1	14.8	*7.4	*8.9	14.7	
Lacked necessary skills/education	18.5	17.3	15.5	9.9	*1.2	*2.5	12.3	
No vacancies at all	18.3	11.1	15.5	14.4	11.1	*5.7	13.4	
No vacancies in line of work	*3.7	12.7	12.7	11.8	12.4	*5.2	10.4	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*5.0	10.0	6.3	*6.0	*1.8	*1.0	5.7	
Own ill health or disability	*3.5	*4.5	*4.1	11.8	11.6	*7.8	6.7	
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.8	*3.6	*2.3	*2.2	*3.7	2.1	
Unsuitable hours	*2.5	*2.2	*1.2	*1.2	*0.0	*0.0	1.4	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.0	*0.5	*1.3	*1.1	*1.4	*0.0	*0.8	
Other difficulties(b)	*1.3	*4.4	*4.0	*5.0	*2.2	*0.0	3.2	
No difficulties at all	*3.9	*4.9	*3.5	*3.5	*5.6	*0.0	3.8	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
							'000	
Total	68.8	88.1	106.1	72.1	58.6	38.1	431.8	
FEMALES							% —	
Considered too young or too old by employers	*8.1	10.1	*5.4	11.0	32.4	*37.9	12.8	
Insufficient work experience	15.4	17.5	11.7	*6.6	*4.9	*4.7	11.4	
Too many applicants for available jobs	15.3	13.3	15.6	12.7	14.3	*8.1	14.2	
Lacked necessary skills/education	15.5	15.8	9.8	*9.8	*8.7	*0.0	11.6	
No vacancies at all	15.2	*7.4	10.5	13.8	*10.6	*16.3	11.6	
No vacancies in line of work	*2.8	*8.1	10.3	*9.6	*4.6	*0.0	7.2	
Too far to travel, transport problems	*6.5	*5.5	*2.6	*5.3	*3.9	*0.0	4.5	
Own ill health or disability	*2.5	*3.2	*5.5	*4.3	*8.1	*12.5	4.8	
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.4	*6.6	*8.0	*1.2	*0.0	3.4	
Unsuitable hours	*2.9	*1.5	*5.0	*5.4	*2.5	*7.9	3.7	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.6	*5.2	10.6	*4.6	*0.8	*0.0	4.7	
Other difficulties(b)	*2.1	*5.6	*0.5	*2.0	*4.5	*0.0	2.7	
No difficulties at all	13.3	*6.4	*6.0	*7.1	*3.5	*12.6	7.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
							'000	
Total	54.4	57.5	70.6	52.5	42.8	7.9	285.7	
PERSONS							— %	
Considered too young or too old by employers	8.3	5.7	*2.6	12.7	37.7	58.8	14.5	
Insufficient work experience	17.4	16.9	10.2	5.1	*2.9	*2.6	10.4	
Too many applicants for available jobs	15.6	12.7	19.5	13.9	10.3	*8.8	14.5	
Lacked necessary skills/education	17.1	16.7	13.2	9.9	*4.3	*2.1	12.1	
No vacancies at all	16.9	9.6	13.5	14.2	10.9	*7.5	12.7	
No vacancies in line of work	*3.3	10.9	11.8	10.9	9.1	*4.3	9.1	
Too far to travel, transport problems	5.6	8.2	4.8	5.7	*2.7	*0.9	5.2	
Own ill health or disability	*3.0	4.0	4.7	8.6	10.2	*8.6	6.0	
Language difficulties	*0.0	*0.6	4.8	4.7	*1.8	*3.1	2.6	
Unsuitable hours	*2.7	*1.9	*2.7	*3.0	*1.1	*1.3	2.3	
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.3	*2.3	5.0	*2.6	*1.1	*0.0	2.4	
Other difficulties(b)	*1.7	4.9	*2.6	*3.7	*3.2	*0.0	3.0	
No difficulties at all	8.0	5.5	4.5	5.0	*4.8	*2.1	5.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
							'000 ..	
Total	123.2	145.6	176.7	124.6	101.4	46.0	717.5	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties with ethnic background.

TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): ALL DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING WORK

<i>All difficulties in finding work</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>						<i>Total</i>
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55 and over</i>	
<i>MALES</i>							
	<i>— % —</i>						
Too many applicants for available jobs	39.9	45.6	51.2	46.1	35.5	39.0	44.2
No vacancies in line of work	22.3	29.1	38.4	37.0	36.0	38.9	33.4
Considered too young or too old by employers	24.3	18.6	13.4	28.8	61.6	85.5	31.7
Language difficulties	*0.0	*3.7	6.7	*7.5	*5.8	*5.0	4.9
Lacked necessary skills/education	44.3	42.3	40.9	32.0	22.3	22.7	36.1
No vacancies at all	36.9	27.9	35.2	35.0	33.2	29.7	33.2
Too far to travel/transport problems	20.2	26.0	20.0	18.0	14.5	*11.5	19.4
Own ill health or disability	*4.1	6.8	9.3	21.0	20.8	18.4	12.3
Unsuitable hours	*7.8	*5.8	*3.0	*3.4	*5.0	*2.4	4.6
Insufficient work experience	46.2	46.4	32.8	21.3	*9.1	*12.9	30.8
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.0	*0.7	*3.5	*3.8	*2.8	*0.9	2.1
Other difficulties(b)	*3.2	10.2	8.8	7.8	*7.0	*2.7	7.2
	<i>1000</i>						
<i>Total</i>	<i>68.8</i>	<i>88.1</i>	<i>106.1</i>	<i>72.1</i>	<i>58.6</i>	<i>38.1</i>	<i>431.8</i>
<i>FEMALES</i>							
	<i>— % —</i>						
Too many applicants for available jobs	36.2	43.4	46.2	42.0	47.2	*29.8	42.6
No vacancies in line of work	12.2	27.6	34.8	30.6	24.4	*25.6	26.5
Considered too young or too old by employers	31.7	34.4	21.4	30.0	59.4	*64.4	34.4
Language difficulties	*0.4	*1.1	12.1	11.6	*11.8	*7.9	7.4
Lacked necessary skills/education	38.3	43.7	34.3	36.1	37.4	*17.2	37.3
No vacancies at all	27.6	26.3	30.1	29.3	30.6	*28.8	28.8
Too far to travel/transport problems	17.5	21.6	13.0	20.4	19.4	*7.8	17.8
Own ill health or disability	*2.9	*6.3	10.0	*9.2	15.8	*16.2	8.8
Unsuitable hours	11.9	*8.0	15.9	16.9	14.7	*9.6	13.4
Insufficient work experience	43.7	45.2	33.3	27.3	26.6	*11.8	35.0
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*1.0	*8.6	17.5	*10.0	*1.7	*2.2	9.0
Other difficulties(b)	*4.1	9.6	*6.3	*3.6	*7.1	*0.0	6.0
	<i>1000 —</i>						
<i>Total</i>	<i>54.4</i>	<i>57.5</i>	<i>70.6</i>	<i>52.5</i>	<i>42.8</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>285.7</i>
<i>PERSONS</i>							
	<i>% —</i>						
Too many applicants for available jobs	38.3	44.8	49.2	44.4	40.4	37.4	43.6
No vacancies in line of work	17.8	28.5	37.0	34.3	31.1	36.6	30.7
Considered too young or too old by employers	27.6	24.9	16.6	29.3	60.6	81.9	32.8
Language difficulties	*0.2	*2.7	8.9	9.2	8.3	*5.5	5.9
Lacked necessary skills/education	41.7	42.9	38.3	33.7	28.7	21.8	36.6
No vacancies at all	32.8	27.3	34.2	32.6	32.1	29.5	31.4
Too far to travel/transport problems	19.0	24.3	17.2	19.0	16.6	*10.9	18.8
Own ill health or disability	*3.5	6.6	9.6	16.0	18.7	18.0	10.9
Unsuitable hours	9.6	6.7	8.1	9.1	9.1	*3.6	8.1
Insufficient work experience	45.1	45.9	33.0	23.8	16.5	12.7	32.5
Difficulties with child care, other family responsibilities	*0.5	3.8	9.1	6.4	*2.3	*1.1	4.9
Other difficulties(b)	*3.6	10.0	7.8	6.0	7.0	*2.2	6.7
	<i>1000</i>						
<i>Total</i>	<i>123.2</i>	<i>145.6</i>	<i>176.7</i>	<i>124.6</i>	<i>101.4</i>	<i>46.0</i>	<i>717.5</i>

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who reported difficulties because of ethnic background.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS ('000)

Relationship in household	Time spent looking for work in the previous twelve months								Total
	1 and under 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 39 weeks	39 and under 52 weeks	52 weeks		
	MALES								
Family member	28.3	26.3	26.8	49.0	54.5	23.9	114.9	323.5	
Husband	12.2	12.0	12.0	25.1	26.9	12.7	67.9	168.6	
With dependants	6.5	7.1	7.9	15.2	19.2	8.4	40.3	104.7	
Without dependants	5.7	*4.9	*4.1	9.9	7.7	*4.3	27.5	63.9	
Lone parent	*0.7	*0.0	*0.7	*0.5	*1.2	*0.5	*4.9	8.5	
Dependent student	*5.2	*3.7	*3.4	6.0	*2.9	*1.2	*3.0	25.4	
Non-dependent child	8.8	9.2	10.0	13.7	20.2	7.5	33.9	103.2	
Other family person	*1.4	*1.4	*0.8	*3.6	*3.2	*2.1	*5.2	17.8	
Non-family member	6.2	7.9	6.0	13.8	15.9	8.9	32.1	90.8	
Lone person	*2.9	*4.2	*0.8	*4.2	8.7	*5.2	18.6	44.6	
Not living alone	*3.2	*3.8	*5.2	9.6	7.2	*3.7	13.5	46.2	
Not determined	*1.4	*0.7	*3.3	*1.7	*2.2	*1.9	6.3	17.5	
<i>Total</i>	35.9	34.9	36.0	64.4	72.6	34.6	153.4	431.8	
FEMALES									
Family member	27.0	20.1	17.7	38.0	42.2	14.1	64.3	223.4	
Wife	17.1	8.9	8.3	18.8	17.4	5.7	34.2	110.5	
With dependants	10.1	*3.2	5.7	10.8	9.0	*3.6	20.4	63.0	
Without dependants	6.9	5.7	*2.5	8.0	8.4	*2.2	13.8	47.5	
Lone parent	*3.5	*3.2	*1.6	*4.6	7.7	*3.4	17.6	41.6	
Dependent student	*4.0	*2.3	*3.5	*2.9	7.0	*1.3	*2.3	23.3	
Non-dependent child	*2.0	*4.1	*4.1	7.6	8.1	*3.3	8.5	37.6	
Other family person	*0.5	*1.6	*0.3	*4.0	*2.0	*0.3	*1.6	10.3	
Non-family member	*4.0	*3.4	*3.8	9.7	9.8	*2.9	18.3	51.8	
Lone person	*1.7	*1.3	*2.1	*4.5	*4.4	*1.6	7.5	23.2	
Not living alone	*2.2	*2.1	*1.7	*5.1	*5.4	*1.3	10.8	28.6	
Not determined	*1.8	*2.0	*0.7	*2.6	*0.8	*0.6	*2.0	10.5	
<i>Total</i>	32.8	25.4	22.2	50.3	52.7	17.6	84.6	285.7	
PERSONS									
Family member	55.3	46.4	44.5	86.9	96.7	38.0	179.1	546.9	
Husband or wife	29.2	20.9	20.3	43.9	44.3	18.4	102.1	279.1	
With dependants	16.6	10.4	13.6	26.1	28.2	12.0	60.8	167.7	
Without dependants	12.6	10.6	6.6	17.9	16.0	6.4	41.3	111.4	
Lone parent	*4.2	*3.2	*2.3	*5.1	8.9	*3.9	22.5	50.1	
Dependent student	9.3	6.0	6.9	8.9	9.9	*2.5	*5.3	48.8	
Non-dependent child	10.7	13.3	14.1	21.3	28.3	10.8	42.4	140.8	
Other family person	*1.9	*3.0	*1.0	7.7	*5.3	*2.4	6.8	28.1	
Non-family member	10.1	11.3	9.8	23.4	25.6	11.8	50.5	142.6	
Lone person	*4.7	5.5	*2.9	8.7	13.1	6.8	26.1	67.8	
Not living alone	5.5	5.8	6.9	14.7	12.6	*5.0	24.4	74.8	
Not determined	*3.2	*2.7	*3.9	*4.3	*2.9	*2.5	8.4	27.9	
<i>Total</i>	68.6	60.4	58.2	114.7	125.3	52.3	238.0	717.5	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a): DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Educational attainment	Duration of current period of unemployment						Average duration	Median duration
	1 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	1 and under 2 years	2 years and over	Total		
	MALES							
				— '000 —			— weeks —	
With post-school qualifications	33.1	28.5	25.8	22.5	22.4	132.3	54	27
Bachelor degree or higher	5.7	8.4	*5.1	*4.0	*4.2	27.5	41	24
Undergraduate diploma	*0.0	*0.6	*0.8	*0.3	*1.3	*3.1	*100	*54
Associate diploma	*5.2	*1.9	*3.2	*0.7	*1.9	13.0	43	*14
Skilled vocational qualification	17.5	15.7	11.2	13.5	10.3	68.2	53	26
Basic vocational qualification	*4.2	*1.8	*4.2	*3.1	*4.8	18.1	79	*34
Without post-school qualifications(b)	54.1	62.7	60.7	48.4	58.8	284.7	65	29
Completed highest level of secondary school	19.0	12.4	14.2	14.6	12.1	72.4	48	28
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	35.0	50.3	46.5	33.8	46.4	212.1	71	32
Left aged 15 and under	17.4	25.2	22.4	15.4	24.9	105.3	89	32
Left aged 16 and over	17.7	25.1	24.1	18.4	21.5	106.8	63	30
Still at school	6.1	*4.8	*2.6	*1.2	*0.1	14.8	17	*8
Total	93.3	96.0	89.1	72.1	81.3	431.8	60	28
	FEMALES						weeks	
				— '000 —				
With post-school qualifications	20.7	23.7	17.6	11.9	9.5	83.5	43	22
Bachelor degree or higher	*4.4	7.3	5.6	*1.2	*1.4	19.8	29	*15
Undergraduate diploma	*1.6	*1.7	*0.0	*1.5	*0.6	*5.3	*66	*14
Associate diploma	*1.4	*1.3	*1.6	*1.5	*0.8	6.7	*45	*28
Skilled vocational qualification	7.3	8.8	6.6	*3.8	*4.6	31.0	48	23
Basic vocational qualification	5.5	*3.8	*3.7	*4.0	*2.2	19.2	47	*29
Without post-school qualifications(b)	40.3	44.8	36.3	25.3	36.0	182.7	55	26
Completed highest level of secondary school	16.7	14.8	12.1	6.8	6.4	56.7	41	20
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	23.7	30.0	24.2	18.5	29.3	125.7	61	30
Left aged 15 and under	11.2	11.5	11.7	7.1	15.8	57.4	70	30
Left aged 16 and over	12.4	18.5	12.5	11.4	13.5	68.2	52	28
Still at school	6.9	*3.6	7.2	*1.4	*0.5	19.5	23	*23
Total	67.9	72.1	61.1	38.6	46.0	285.7	50	26
	PERSONS						weeks	
				*'000				
With post-school qualifications	53.8	52.2	43.4	34.3	32.0	215.7	50	26
Bachelor degree or higher	10.1	15.7	10.7	*5.2	5.6	47.3	36	19
Undergraduate diploma	*1.6	*2.3	*0.8	*1.8	*1.9	8.3	*78	*39
Associate diploma	6.6	*3.3	*4.8	*2.2	*2.7	19.6	44	*25
Skilled vocational qualification	24.8	24.5	17.8	17.3	14.8	99.2	52	26
Basic vocational qualification	9.7	5.5	8.0	7.1	6.9	37.2	62	32
Without post-school qualifications(b)	94.4	107.5	97.0	73.7	94.8	467.5	61	28
Completed highest level of secondary school	35.7	27.2	26.3	21.5	18.5	129.1	45	26
Did not complete highest level of secondary school	58.7	80.3	70.7	52.3	75.7	337.8	67	30
Left aged 15 and under	28.6	36.7	34.2	22.5	40.7	162.7	77	32
Left aged 16 and over	30.1	43.6	36.6	29.8	35.0	175.1	59	30
Still at school	12.9	8.4	9.8	*2.6	*0.5	34.3	20	13
Total	161.2	168.1	150.2	110.7	127.3	717.5	56	26

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who never attended school.

**TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS
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	Reason for ceasing last full-time job						
	Job loser		Job leaver				
	Laid off or retrenched	Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	Total(b)	Unsatisfactory work arrangements	Other(c)	Total	Total
<i>Age group (years)</i>							
15-19	14.0	5.7	21.3	7.6	7.4	15.0	36.3
20-24	31.9	13.9	51.4	14.8	20.2	35.0	86.1
25-34	39.4	22.2	68.6	12.9	23.0	35.9	104.5
35-44	29.2	10.3	43.7	6.5	6.9	13.4	57.1
45-54	30.2	6.7	39.6	*1.7	6.6	8.3	47.9
55 and over	12.8	*2.5	17.1	*1.3	*2.7	*4.0	21.1
<i>Birthplace</i>							
Born in Australia	116.0	50.4	184.4	35.0	46.7	81.8	266.2
Born outside Australia	41.6	10.9	56.9	9.8	20.0	29.9	86.8
Born in main English speaking countries	16.7	*3.4	23.1	*5.2	7.7	12.9	35.9
Born in other countries	24.9	7.5	33.9	*4.7	12.3	17.0	50.9
<i>Duration of last full-time job —</i>							
Less than 1 year	81.6	53.2	148.7	27.3	27.2	54.5	203.2
2 and under 4 weeks	*4.9	8.7	14.5	*3.5	*1.9	*5.4	19.9
4 and under 8 weeks	11.0	8.2	21.7	*3.6	*4.1	7.7	29.4
8 and under 26 weeks	35.1	16.5	58.6	11.1	12.2	23.3	81.9
26 and under 52 weeks	30.7	19.7	53.9	9.1	9.0	18.1	72.0
1 and under 2 years	19.7	*4.9	26.8	6.0	15.8	21.8	48.5
2 and under 5 years	20.5	*2.7	25.5	8.0	12.5	20.5	46.1
5 years and over	35.7	*0.5	40.3	*3.6	11.3	14.9	55.1
<i>Industry of last full-time job</i>							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	6.0	8.5	16.5	*3.4	*1.6	*5.0	21.5
Manufacturing	43.2	9.4	58.1	9.3	9.8	19.1	77.2
Construction	15.9	*3.9	21.1	*2.7	*2.0	*4.7	25.8
Wholesale trade	9.8	*1.9	13.0	*0.8	*1.8	*2.7	15.7
Retail trade	21.2	*2.3	25.1	8.7	10.1	18.8	43.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	8.7	*1.7	10.8	6.5	8.8	15.3	26.1
Transport and storage	7.8	*3.8	12.2	*0.9	*3.5	*4.4	16.6
Communication services	*3.4	*0.3	*3.7	*0.8	*0.4	*1.1	*4.8
Property and business services	9.4	6.3	17.5	*2.8	8.7	11.5	29.0
Government administration and defence	6.4	7.5	15.0	*1.1	*2.3	*3.4	18.4
Education	*4.2	*5.4	11.4	*0.5	*2.0	*2.4	13.8
Health and community services	*5.2	*5.0	12.0	*2.0	*5.1	7.0	19.0
Cultural and recreational services	*2.7	*1.9	5.8	*1.5	*4.6	6.2	12.0
Personal and other services	6.2	*2.7	10.5	*1.7	*1.9	*3.6	14.1
Other(d)	7.4	*0.7	8.5	*2.3	*4.2	6.5	15.0
<i>Occupation of last full-time job</i>							
Managers and administrators	*3.8	*0.0	*3.8	*1.4	*0.7	*2.0	5.8
Professionals	9.7	*4.4	14.9	*1.1	7.3	8.4	23.3
Associate professionals	10.3	5.5	17.1	*4.8	5.5	10.3	27.4
Tradespersons and related workers	32.0	9.9	44.2	7.9	6.0	13.9	58.1
Advanced clerical and service workers	*1.4	*0.6	*2.3	*0.6	*2.1	*2.7	*4.9
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	19.7	9.6	31.4	9.4	9.5	18.8	50.2
Intermediate production and transport workers	26.0	7.1	37.4	*4.6	7.2	11.8	49.2
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	14.2	*2.6	19.0	*4.6	9.6	14.3	33.3
Labourers and related workers	40.6	21.7	71.2	10.5	19.0	29.5	100.8
<i>Usual gross weekly pay in last full-time job</i>							
Australian dollars	151.2	58.2	231.8	42.8	59.7	102.5	334.3
Under 160	*3.0	*1.7	*5.1	*2.0	*3.6	5.6	10.7
160 and under 320	22.6	21.5	47.7	12.6	13.0	25.6	73.3
320 and under 480	60.0	17.5	87.2	14.3	24.6	39.0	126.2
480 and under 640	36.0	10.4	51.7	9.1	9.9	19.0	70.7
640 and under 800	13.5	*2.9	18.4	*2.6	*4.5	7.1	25.5
800 and over	16.1	*4.2	21.7	*2.2	*4.1	6.3	27.9
Other(e)	6.4	*3.1	9.5	*2.1	7.1	9.1	18.7
Total	157.6	61.2	241.3	44.9	66.8	111.6	353.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes persons who had left their job because of their own ill health or disability. (c) Includes 'Job was temporary or seasonal', 'Left to return to studies' and 'Other reasons'. (d) Includes Mining, Electricity, gas and water supply and Finance and insurance. (e) Includes Not determined, 'Non-Australian currency' and Payment in kind.

**TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS(a) WHO WERE EMPLOYEES IN THEIR LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND WHO CEASED THAT JOB IN THE LAST TWO YEARS: DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB BY AGE
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Age group (years)	Duration of last full-time job						Total	
	Under 1 year			Total	1 and under 5 years	5 years and over		
	2 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks					
MALES								
15-19	7.3	8.5	*3.9	19.7	*2.7	*0.0	22.4	
20-24	7.7	18.1	14.1	39.9	13.8	*1.1	54.9	
25-34	9.7	18.8	14.7	43.2	19.8	8.6	71.7	
35-44	6.7	7.4	10.9	25.0	8.7	9.0	42.7	
45-54	*3.2	*4.0	6.4	13.6	11.0	12.2	36.8	
55 and over	*3.2	*2.3	*1.2	6.7	*3.5	8.5	18.7	
<i>Total</i>	<i>37.8</i>	<i>59.1</i>	<i>51.2</i>	<i>148.1</i>	<i>59.5</i>	<i>39.4</i>	<i>247.1</i>	
FEMALES								
15-19	*2.7	*6.2	*2.5	10.3	*3.5	*0.0	13.9	
20-24	*4.7	7.9	5.8	18.4	12.3	*0.4	31.2	
25-34	*2.3	6.0	8.0	16.3	12.4	*4.2	32.8	
35-44	*1.0	*2.4	*2.5	5.9	*4.4	*4.2	14.5	
45-54	*0.6	*1.1	*1.6	*3.3	*2.3	5.5	11.1	
55 and over	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3	*0.9	*0.1	*1.4	*2.4	
<i>Total</i>	<i>11.5</i>	<i>22.8</i>	<i>20.8</i>	<i>55.1</i>	<i>35.7</i>	<i>15.7</i>	<i>105.9</i>	
PERSONS								
15-19	10.0	13.6	6.4	30.0	6.2	*0.0	36.3	
20-24	12.4	26.1	19.9	58.4	26.1	*1.6	86.1	
25-34	12.0	24.8	22.8	59.6	32.2	12.8	104.5	
35-44	7.7	9.8	13.4	30.9	13.1	13.2	57.1	
45-54	*3.8	*5.1	8.0	16.9	13.3	17.7	47.9	
55 and over	*3.4	*2.6	*1.6	7.6	*3.6	9.9	21.1	
<i>Total</i>	<i>49.3</i>	<i>81.9</i>	<i>72.0</i>	<i>203.2</i>	<i>94.6</i>	<i>55.1</i>	<i>353.0</i>	

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

**TABLE 16. POPULATIONS BY STATE OR TERRITORY OF USUAL RESIDENCE
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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
	MALES								
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	139.0	108.3	85.9	40.0	36.0	14.2	2.4	5.9	431.8
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	79.3	57.6	54.1	21.5	22.3	7.4	*1.9	3.0	247.1
	FEMALES								
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	86.3	77.8	58.8	24.9	23.1	8.1	*2.0	4.7	285.7
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	31.7	26.6	23.8	9.4	9.2	2.4	*0.6	2.1	105.9
	PERSONS								
<i>Population 1:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a)	225.3	186.1	144.8	64.9	59.1	22.3	— 4.4	10.6	717.5
<i>Population 2:</i>									
Unemployed persons(a) who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years	111.0	84.2	77.9	30.9	31.6	9.8	2.5	5.1	353.0

(a) Excludes persons who have been stood down. Refer to paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This survey was conducted as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey (LFS). Respondents to the LFS who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked further questions.

2 For further information about the LFS, see *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). This monthly publication contains information about survey design, sample redesign, scope, coverage and population benchmarks relevant to the monthly LFS, which also apply to supplementary surveys. It also contains definitions of demographic and labour force characteristics which are relevant to both the LFS and supplementary surveys.

SCOPE

3 In addition to those already excluded from the monthly LFS, this survey was restricted to unemployed persons excluding those who were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week (for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown). Students at boarding school, patients in hospitals, residents of homes (e.g. retirement homes, homes for the handicapped), and inmates of prisons are further excluded from all supplementary surveys.

4 The number of unemployed persons published in *Labour Force, Australia, July 1997* (Cat. no. 6203.0) differs from that published in this publication because persons who were stood down were excluded from this survey, as it was inappropriate to ask them about their job search experience. Persons who were stood down comprised 4% of all unemployed persons in July 1997.

5 Also out of scope were some 2,000 persons living in remote and sparsely settled parts of Australia. The exclusion of these persons will have only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual States and Territories.

RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

6 Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors:

- Sampling error is the difference between the published estimate and the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. For further information on sampling error, refer to Technical Notes on page 30.
- Non-sampling errors are inaccuracies that occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents and interviewers, and errors made in coding and processing data. These inaccuracies may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient processing procedures.

- SEASONAL FACTORS
- 7 The estimates are based on information collected in the survey month and, due to seasonal factors, may not be representative of other months of the year.
- CHANGES IN CLASSIFICATIONS
- 8 From August 1996, occupation data are classified according to the second edition of the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO SE). For more detailed information see the *Information Paper: ASCO — Australian Standard Classifications of Occupations (Cat. no. 1221.0)*. A concordance between the new and the old versions of ASCO is not yet available.
- COMPARABILITY OF TIME SERIES
- 9 Revisions are made to population benchmarks for the LFS after each five-yearly Census of Population and Housing. The last such revision was made in February 1991 to take account of the results of the 1991 Census of Population and Housing. Estimates from supplementary surveys conducted after February 1991 are therefore based on revised population benchmarks.
- 10 Supplementary surveys are not always conducted on the full LFS sample. Further, since August 1994, the sample available for supplementary surveys has been restricted to seven-eighths of the LFS sample. As a result, the standard errors for surveys conducted from August 1994 on, differ from those applicable to previous surveys.
- COMPARABILITY WITH MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEY STATISTICS
- 11 Due to differences in the scope and sample size of this supplementary survey and that of the LFS, the estimation procedure may lead to some small variations between labour force estimates from this survey and those from the LFS.
- 12 It is impracticable to obtain information relating to the current period of unemployment which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly LFS for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference week. The items *time spent looking for work* and *number of spells of looking for work during the previous 12 months* are based on a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms *working*, *looking for work* and *not working or looking for work* are used for these items rather than the more precisely defined terms *employed*, *unemployed*, and *not in the labour force*.
- SURVEY COVERAGE
- 13 The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in July 1997. In the monthly population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection in the survey. See *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

PREVIOUS SURVEYS

14 Results of similar surveys on the job search experience of unemployed persons conducted in July 1984, July 1985, June 1986, July 1988, July 1990, June 1991, July 1992, July 1993, July 1994, July 1995 and July 1996 were given in the publication *Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia* (Cat. no. 6222.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

15 Other publications which may be of interest include:

- *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0) — issued monthly
- *Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6245.0) — issued two yearly
- *Australia's Long-Term Unemployed — A Statistical Profile* (Cat. no. 6255.0) — issued irregularly
- *Labour Mobility, Australia* (Cat. no. 6209.0) — issued two yearly
- *Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, Australia* (Cat. no. 6224.0) — issued annually
- *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (Cat. no. 6206.0) — issued two yearly
- *Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6220.0) — issued annually
- *Underemployed Workers, Australia* (Cat. no. 6265.0) — issued annually

16 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office or from the ABS Information Service on the World Wide Web,
<http://www.abs.gov.au>

NEXT SURVEY

17 The ABS plans to conduct this survey again in July 1998.

TECHNICAL NOTES

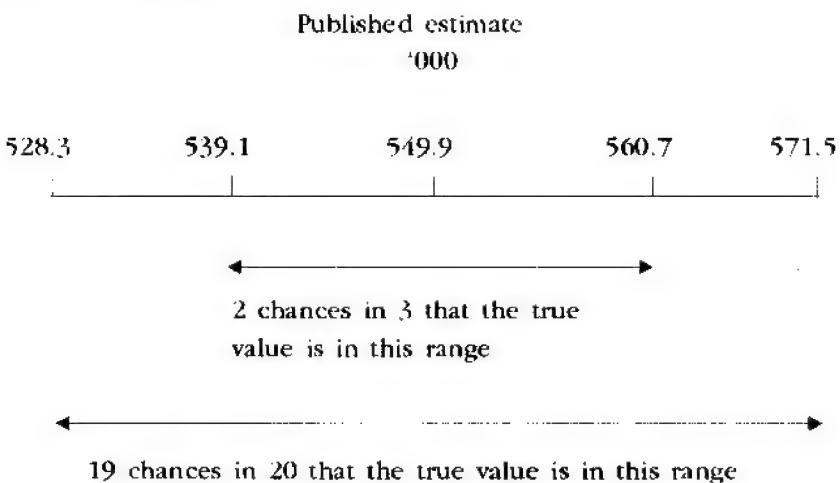
INTRODUCTION

1 Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those estimates that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one SE from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that the difference will be less than two SEs. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error (RSE), which is obtained by expressing the SE as a percentage of the estimate.

2 Space does not allow for the separate indication of the SEs of all estimates in this publication. A table of SEs for general application is given in T1. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the SE of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

CALCULATION OF STANDARD ERROR

3 An example of the calculation and the use of SE in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 3 shows the estimated number of unemployed persons in Australia who registered with the CES was 549,900. Since this estimate is between 500,000 and 1,000,000, T1 shows that the SE for Australia will lie between 10,500 and 13,750 and can be approximated by interpolation as 10,800 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 539,100 to 560,700 and about 19 chances in 20 that the value will fall within the range 528,300 to 571,500. This example is illustrated in the diagram below.



CALCULATION OF
STANDARD ERROR
continued

4 As can be seen from the SE table, the smaller the estimate, the higher is the RSE. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high SEs (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In these tables, only estimates with RSEs less than 25% are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger RSEs have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high SEs and should be used with caution.

Averages and medians

5 The RSEs of estimates of *average duration of unemployment*, and *median duration of unemployment* are obtained by first finding the RSE of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the average or median (see T1) and then multiplying the relevant number so obtained by the following relevant factors:

average duration of unemployment: 1.3
median duration of unemployment: 2.0

6 The following is an example of the calculation of SEs where the use of a factor is required. Table 3 shows that the estimated median duration of unemployment for unemployed males in Australia was 28 weeks and the number of males was estimated as 431,800. From T1 it can be calculated that the estimate (431,800) has a standard error of about 9,800 and therefore a RSE of about 2.3%. The RSE of the estimate of median duration of unemployment is calculated by multiplying this number (2.3%) by the appropriate factor shown in the previous paragraph (in this case 2.0): $2.3 \times 2.0 = 4.6\%$. The SE of this estimate of median duration of unemployment is therefore 4.6% of 28, i.e. about 1 week. Therefore there are two chances in three that the median duration of unemployment for males that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would have been within the range 27–29 weeks and about 19 chances in 20 that it would have been within the range 25–31 weeks.

Proportions and percentages

7 Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the RSE of a proportion is given below:

$$\text{RSE } (x/y) = \sqrt{[\text{RSE } (x)]^2 + [\text{RSE } (y)]^2}$$

8 Considering the example from the previous page, the 549,900 persons who were registered with the CES represents 76.6% of the 717,500 unemployed persons. The SE of 717,500 is approximately 11,900 so the RSE is 1.7%. The RSE for 549,900 is 2.0%. Applying the above formula, the RSE of the proportion is $\sqrt{(2.0)^2 + (1.7)^2}$ or 1.1%, giving a SE for the proportion (76.6%) of 0.9 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of unemployed persons registered with the CES is between 75.7% and 77.5% and 19 chances in 20 that the proportion is within the range 74.8% to 78.4%.

DIFFERENCES

9 Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their SEs and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate SE of the difference between two estimates ($x-y$) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

10 While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

11 The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the SE, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

T1 STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Persons)	NSW no.	Vic. no.	QLD no.	SA no.	WA no.	Tas. no.	NT no.	ACT no.	Relative standard error	
									Aust. no.	%
100	..	..	..	..	..	100	140	80	..	..
200	..	..	230	210	230	150	190	110	220	110.0
300	..	320	290	260	280	180	220	130	280	93.3
500	500	410	370	340	360	240	280	170	380	76.0
700	600	490	440	400	420	280	330	200	450	64.3
1 000	720	590	530	480	500	330	380	230	550	55.0
1 500	880	730	640	580	600	400	460	270	690	46.0
2 000	1 010	840	740	660	680	450	530	310	810	40.5
2 500	1 120	940	820	740	760	500	580	340	910	36.4
3 000	1 230	1 020	900	800	820	540	630	370	1 000	33.3
3 500	1 320	1 100	970	860	880	570	680	390	1 080	30.9
4 000	1 400	1 170	1 030	910	940	610	720	420	1 160	29.0
5 000	1 550	1 300	1 150	1 000	1 050	650	800	450	1 300	26.0
7 000	1 800	1 550	1 350	1 150	1 200	750	950	500	1 550	22.1
10 000	2 150	1 800	1 550	1 350	1 400	850	1 100	600	1 850	18.5
15 000	2 550	2 150	1 850	1 600	1 650	1 000	1 350	700	2 250	15.0
20 000	2 900	2 450	2 100	1 850	1 900	1 100	1 500	800	2 600	13.0
30 000	3 450	2 900	2 500	2 150	2 250	1 250	1 850	950	3 100	10.3
40 000	3 900	3 300	2 850	2 450	2 500	1 350	2 100	1 050	3 550	8.9
50 000	4 300	3 600	3 100	2 650	2 750	1 450	2 350	1 100	3 950	7.9
100 000	5 700	4 800	4 150	3 450	3 600	1 750	3 250	1 450	5 350	5.4
150 000	6 700	5 650	4 850	4 050	4 200	1 950	3 900	1 650	6 400	4.3
200 000	7 500	6 300	5 400	4 500	4 700	2 050	4 500	1 850	7 200	3.6
300 000	8 750	7 350	6 300	5 200	5 450	2 250	..	2 100	8 550	2.9
500 000	10 600	8 850	7 650	6 200	6 600	2 500	..	..	10 500	2.1
1 000 000	13 600	11 350	9 800	7 850	8 400	..	..	..	13 750	1.4
2 000 000	17 300	14 300	12 400	9 800	10 650	..	..	..	17 750	0.9
5 000 000	23 300	19 150	16 750	..	..	..	..	..	24 500	0.5
10 000 000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30 850	0.3

T2 LEVELS AT WHICH ESTIMATES HAVE A RELATIVE STANDARD ERROR OF 25%

	NSW	Vic.	QLD.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust
Estimates classified by									
Average duration of time spent looking for work during the year	12 500	9 000	6 900	5 600	5 800	2 700	3 500	1 400	9 400
Median duration of time spent looking for work during the year	27 000	19 300	14 800	12 100	12 600	5 600	7 900	2 900	21 900
All other estimates	7 500	5 400	4 200	3 400	3 600	1 700	2 200	900	5 400

GLOSSARY

Active steps taken to find work	Steps taken during the current period of unemployment. They comprise: writing, telephoning or applying in person to an employer for work; answering a newspaper advertisement for a job; checking factory or CES noticeboards; being registered with any other employment agency; advertising or tendering for work; and contacting friends or relatives.
All difficulties in finding work	All difficulties experienced during the current period of unemployment.
All unemployed persons	Those persons who were not employed during the reference week (i.e. the week immediately preceding that in which the interview took place), had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week, and:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ were available for work in the reference week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week); or■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week and would have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.
Average duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group.
Ceased last full-time job	Left or lost last full-time job.
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service is a referral service for jobseekers and employers, which also attempts to redress skill shortages through labour market programs.
Duration of current period of unemployment	The period from the time the person began looking for work to the end of the reference week. Thus this item measures the current (and continuing) period of unemployment rather than a completed spell. For persons who may have begun looking for work while still employed, the duration of current period of unemployment is defined as the period from the time the person last worked full time for two weeks or more to the end of the reference period.

Educational attainment	Measures the highest qualification completed by the respondent, classified according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics Classification of Qualifications. The seven categories for level of attainment are as follows:
<i>Higher degree</i>	Comprises primarily Doctorates and Master's degrees. The minimum entry requirements are usually a Master's degree or a first class honours degree for a Doctorate and completion of an honours degree for a Master's degree. The duration of study is a minimum of two to four years for a Doctorate and two years full-time or equivalent for a Master's degree. This level of qualification is designed to recognise significant contributions to original research or the application of knowledge within a given field of study.
<i>Postgraduate diploma</i>	Includes Graduate Certificates. The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of a Bachelor degree or an Undergraduate diploma. The duration of study ranges from six months (for a Graduate Certificate) to one year full-time study or equivalent. Courses usually build on undergraduate studies, and are designed to broaden or develop professional knowledge and skills in a related or new area of studies.
<i>Bachelor degree</i>	The entry requirement is the satisfactory completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study ranges from three to six years full-time study or its equivalent. Courses are designed to provide students with a systematic and coherent introduction to a broad body of knowledge. The emphasis is on the underlying principles and concepts of that body of knowledge.
<i>Undergraduate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the successful completion of Year 12 or its equivalent. The duration of study is three years full-time study or its equivalent. Certain other qualifications are classified to this level on the basis that their entry requirements, duration of study and theoretical orientation are regarded as being equivalent to those of undergraduate diplomas, for example, Certificate in Psychiatric Nursing. Courses are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for practice in a professional or associate professional occupation.
<i>Associate diploma</i>	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 12 or the completion of Year 10 and a prerequisite certificate course. The duration of study ranges from one to two years full-time or its equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skill necessary to give support to professionals, and for positions in advanced trade, technical or associate professional occupations. Advanced Certificates, Technician's Certificates and Certificates of Technology are included in this level as they have broadly the same theoretical orientation as associate diplomas.

Skilled Vocational Qualification	The entry requirement is usually the completion of Year 10 or its equivalent. In addition, some courses may require a student to be concurrently employed in that specific field. The duration of study is two to four years, and typically involves some on-the-job training. Courses provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a specific vocation, recognised trade or craft that requires a high degree of skill in a range of related activities.
Basic Vocational Qualification	Often requires Year 10 completion, however many courses have no formal entry requirements. The duration of study ranges from one semester to one year of full-time study or equivalent. Courses provide individuals with the practical skills and background knowledge necessary for employment at the operative level in many different fields.
Highest level of secondary school available	The highest level of secondary school available to the respondent, as determined by the respondent, at the time he or she left school (i.e. Year 12 or equivalent).
Interstate	Between States and Territories.
Intrastate	Within the State or Territory.
Job	Any paid employment, full-time or part-time, lasting two weeks or more.
Job leavers	Persons who have ceased their last job voluntarily, that is, because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ of unsatisfactory work arrangements/pay/hours; ▪ the job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they left that job to return to studies; ▪ they retired, started a new business, got a better job, left for family or other reasons; or ▪ changed locality but not employer/business for employment, personal or other reasons.
Job losers	Persons who ceased their last job involuntarily, that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ they were retrenched or their business closed down because of financial difficulties; ▪ their job was seasonal, temporary or a holiday job and they did not leave that job to return to studies; or ▪ they left their job because of their own ill health or injury.
Looking for part-time work	Actively looking for part-time work only.
Main difficulty in finding work	The main difficulty experienced during the current period of unemployment.
Main English speaking countries	Comprises the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, South Africa, the United States of America and New Zealand.

Median duration (of current period of unemployment)	The duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal size groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median, and the other, persons whose duration is below it.
Number of offers of employment	The number of separate offers of employment received during the current period of unemployment.
Number of spells of looking for work in the previous 12 months	The number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, in the 12 months prior to the reference week.
Persons with post-school qualifications	Persons who have obtained a vocational qualification, certificate, diploma, degree or any other qualification, since leaving school. Respondents indicated which of the following groups best described their highest qualification: Higher degree; Postgraduate diploma; Bachelor degree; Undergraduate diploma; Associate diploma; Skilled Vocational Qualification; Basic Vocational Qualification.
Persons who were stood down	Persons classed as unemployed who had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks, for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
Still at school	Current school attendance was recorded only for persons aged 15–20 years.
Time spent looking for work in the previous 12 months	The total number of weeks persons reported having been out of work and looking for a job, including the weeks in the current period of unemployment, in the 12 months prior to the reference week.
Usual gross weekly pay	The amount of usual total weekly pay (i.e. before taxation and other deductions have been made).

POPULATIONS AND DATA ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM THIS SURVEY

POPULATIONS

- POPULATION 1: Unemployed persons (excluding those who were stood down).
- POPULATION 2: Unemployed persons who were employees in their last full-time job and who ceased that job in the last two years

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
1 STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	6B RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (2)	ALL
New South Wales		Family member	
Victoria		Husband or wife	
Queensland		With children under 15	
South Australia		Without children under 15	
Western Australia		Lone parent	
Tasmania		With children under 15	
Northern Territory		With dependent students but without children under 15	
Australian Capital Territory		Without dependants	
2 AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Dependent student	
Capital City		Non-dependent child	
Balance of State/Territory		Other family person	
3 REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE	ALL	Non-family member	
Standard labour force dissemination regions		Lone person	
4 SEX	ALL	Not living alone	
Males		Not determined	
Females			
5 MARITAL STATUS	ALL		
Married			
Not married			
6A RELATIONSHIP IN HOUSEHOLD (1)	ALL		
Family member			
Husband or wife			
With dependants			
Without dependants			
Lone parent			
With dependants			
Without dependants			
Dependent student			
Non-dependent child			
Other family person			
Non-family member			
Lone person			
Not living alone			
Not determined			
7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL	ALL		
Born in Australia			
Born outside Australia			
Arrived before 1971			
Arrived 1971–1980			
Arrived 1981–1990			
Arrived 1991 to survey date			
7B BIRTHPLACE (1)	ALL		
Born in Australia			
Born outside Australia			
Born in main English speaking countries			
Born in other countries			

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
7C BIRTHPLACE (2)	ALL	11A ALL ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
Born in Australia		Wrote, telephoned or applied in person to an employer for work	
Born outside Australia		Answered a newspaper advertisement for a job	
Oceania		Checked factory or CES noticeboards	
New Zealand		Been registered with the CES	
Europe and the former USSR		Checked or registered with any other employment agency	
Germany		Advertised or tendered for work	
Greece		Contacted relatives or friends	
Italy			
Netherlands			
United Kingdom and Ireland			
Former Yugoslav Republics			
The Middle East and North Africa			
Lebanon			
Southeast Asia			
Malaysia			
Philippines			
Viet Nam			
Northeast Asia			
China(a)			
Southern Asia			
The Americas			
Africa			
(a) Includes Hong Kong SAR.			
8 AGE GROUP (YEARS)	ALL	11B ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN TO FIND WORK	ALL
15-19		Registered with the CES and -	
20-24		Took no other active steps	
25-34		Contacted prospective employers	
35-44		Took other active steps	
45-54		Not registered with the CES and -	
55 and over		Contacted prospective employers	
		Took other active steps	
9 WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK	ALL	12A WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
Looking for full-time work		Would move interstate	
Looking for part-time work		Would not move interstate	
		May move interstate	
		Depending on job conditions	
		Other	
		Undecided	
10 DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT	ALL	12B WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTERSTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL
Under 1 year		Has applied for job interstate	
1 and under 4 weeks		Would move interstate	
4 and under 8 weeks		May move interstate	
8 and under 13 weeks		Depending on job conditions	
13 and under 26 weeks		Personal/family reasons	
26 and under 39 weeks		Specific state	
39 and under 52 weeks		Other	
1 year and over		Has not applied for job interstate	
1 and under 2 years		Would move interstate	
2 years and over		May move interstate	
		Depending on job conditions	
		Personal/family reasons	
		Specific state	
		Other	
		Would not move interstate	
		Undecided	
13A WHETHER WOULD MOVE INTRASTATE INTRASTATE IF OFFERED A SUITABLE JOB	ALL		
Would move intrastate			
Would not move intrastate			
May move intrastate			
Depending on job conditions			
Other			
Undecided			

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
19B EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND WHETHER QUALIFICATION OBTAINED OVERSEAS OR IN AUSTRALIA	ALL	22A OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1
Born in Australia		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
Born outside Australia		Managers and administrators	
With post-school qualifications		Professionals	
Educational qualifications obtained overseas		Associate professionals	
Educational qualifications obtained in Australia		Tradespersons and related workers	
Without post-school qualifications		Advanced clerical and service workers	
Still at school		Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	
20 WHETHER HAD WORKED FULL TIME	1	Intermediate production and transport workers	
Had never worked full time		Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	
Had worked full time		Labourers and related workers	
21A INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago		Has never worked	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing			
Mining			
Manufacturing			
Electricity, gas and water supply			
Construction			
Wholesale trade			
Retail trade			
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants			
Transport and storage			
Communication services			
Finance and insurance			
Property and business services			
Government administration and defence			
Education			
Health and community services			
Cultural and recreation services			
Personal and other services			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
21B INDUSTRY OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing			
Mining			
Manufacturing			
Electricity, gas and water supply			
Construction			
Wholesale trade			
Retail trade			
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants			
Transport and storage			
Communication services			
Finance and insurance			
Property and business services			
Government administration and defence			
Education			
Health and community services			
Cultural and recreation services			
Personal and other services			
22B OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2		
Managers and administrators			
Professionals			
Associate professionals			
Tradespersons and related workers			
Advanced clerical and service workers			
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers			
Intermediate production and transport workers			
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers			
Labourers and related workers			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
23 USUAL GROSS WEEKLY PAY IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB (\$)	2		
Under 80			
80 and under 160			
160 and under 240			
240 and under 320			
320 and under 400			
400 and under 480			
480 and under 560			
560 and under 640			
640 and under 720			
720 and under 800			
800 and under 880			
880 and under 960			
960 and under 1040			
1040 and under 1120			
1120 and under 1200			
1200 and under 1280			
1280 and under 1360			
1360 and over			
Not stated, don't know			
Non-Australian currency			
Payment in kind			

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS
24A DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1	25B REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)		Job loser	
Less than 1 year		Retrenched	
2 and under 4 weeks		Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies	
4 and under 8 weeks		Own ill health or disability	
8 and under 26 weeks		Job leaver	
26 and under 52 weeks		Unsatisfactory work arrangements	
1 and under 2 years		Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies	
2 and under 5 years		Other	
5 years and over			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.			
24B DURATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB (2)	2	26 STATUS IN EMPLOYMENT IN LAST FULL-TIME JOB	1
Less than 1 year		Last full-time job less than 2 years ago	
2 and under 4 weeks		Employee	
4 and under 8 weeks		Employer	
8 and under 26 weeks		Own account worker	
26 and under 52 weeks		Contributing family worker	
1 and under 2 years		Unpaid voluntary worker	
2 and under 5 years		Has not worked full time in the last 2 years	
5 years and over		Has never worked	
25A REASON FOR CEASING LAST FULL-TIME JOB (1)	1		
Last full-time job less than 2 years ago (a)			
Job loser			
Retrenched			
Job was temporary or seasonal and did not leave to return to studies			
Own ill health or disability			
Job leaver			
Unsatisfactory work arrangements			
Job was temporary or seasonal and left to return to studies			
Other			
Has not worked full time in the last 2 years			
Has never worked			
(a) Includes unpaid voluntary workers.			

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■ Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families. Annual. Latest issue June 1997	6224.0
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■ Participation in Education. Annual. Latest issue September 1996	6272.0
■ Persons Employed at Home. Irregular. Latest issue September 1995	6275.0
■ Persons Not in the Labour Force. Annual. Latest issue September 1996	6220.0
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■ Underemployed Workers. Annual. Latest issue September 1996	6265.0
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